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Foreword

The NaGISA-JSPS Western Pacific Marine Biodiversity Conference 2009 was held at Elizabeth Rose Hall of United Nations University in Tokyo from 15th to 16th December 2009. A total of 76 participants joined the congress. They consisted of 17 from Japan, 15 from Vietnam, 14 from Thailand, 12 from Malaysia, 8 from Indonesia, 6 from Philippines, 2 from Mexico, 1 from Hong Kong (China), and 1 from Fiji (See the group photo). The congress was organized in an effort to facilitate the interaction of near shore benthic ecologists and taxonomists, to strengthen the connection between NaGISA and complementary projects, and to present research and results from the NaGISA projects carried out in the Western Pacific region. To reach to this goal, 57 presentations were given during the congress. The conference was an overall success initiating dialogue not only between countries but also specialties. The highlight of the event was adoption of the statement (printed in this volume) that encourages realization of projects related the biodiversity studies in the Western Pacific Region, i.e. ESABII (East and South East Asia Biodiversity Information Initiative) and AP-BON (Asia Pacific Biodiversity Observation Network).

This volume is a compilation of papers given at the NaGISA-JSPS Western Pacific Marine Biodiversity Conference. Fifty-two papers were submitted in the special volume of the Publication of Seto Marine Biological Laboratory (this issue). Unfortunately, due to very severe peer review and limitation of time for printing the issue, only six papers were accepted to be published. Other manuscripts were, however, not rejected at this moment, and papers properly revised will be accepted and printed in the regular issue of the Publication in the near future.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all authors and reviewers, and our sincere thanks to the foundations that supported NaGISA-JSPS Western Pacific Marine Biodiversity Conference 2009: Nippon Foundation, Sloan Foundation, Biodiversity Center of the Ministry of Environment, Japan, and Japan Society for Promotion of Science.

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The NaGISA Project is a Census of Marine Life Field Project with eight regional offices covering fifty-one coastal countries. Using global standards to answer local questions NaGISA members (researchers, managers, students) are producing the world's first near shore habitat specific global census. For more information or to see how you can participate please refer to : www.nagisa.coml.org

NaGISA Western Pacific Conference Statement

NaGISA applauds the developments initiated by Ministry of Environment Japan, namely the formation of AP-BON and EASBII. These two organizations will contribute to the synthesis and management of biodiversity information in East and South East Asia. This is especially important given the biodiversity richness, but also the knowledge gaps and great threats facing biodiversity in this region. As such, AP-BON and EASBII will provide stakeholders with up-dated overviews on the current status of local and regional biodiversity knowledge which can be used to help make sustainable management decisions. The importance of such information is widely acknowledged by governments worldwide in the battle to combat biodiversity loss and degradation, and to support restoration and rehabilitation, and is also recognized in the goals to be set by the CBD during COP10 as 2010+ targets, such as establishing more than 10% of coastal regions as marine protected areas.

AP-BON and EASBII will function through the assembly and synthesis of primary data about marine organisms supplied by organizations such as NaGISA, CoML, OBIS, and GBIF. These organizations form the basis of biodiversity information systems and are the keystones on which structures such as AP-BON and EASBII are constructed. The information NaGISA Western Pacific provides through funding support by the Nippon Foundation, JSPS and Sloan Foundation, using its wide network of marine scientists in the region, is of paramount importance to maintain the flow of primary marine data into management/observation organizations such as AP-BON and EASBII. Such research is needed to ensure a sound foundation on which to derive and synthesize biodiversity information. Continued investment is therefore needed at the grass roots level to fill fundamental gaps in our biodiversity knowledge and also to build the taxonomic capacity in the East and Southeast Asia region that will provide information at the scale necessary to tackle regional biodiversity issues.

Recognizing the importance of the establishment of the new movements of AP-BON and EASBII, NaGISA Western Pacific formally agrees to collaborate with, and contribute towards, these initiatives in the future.

Adopted on December 16, 2009, by all participants of the NaGISA-JSPS Western Pacific Marine Biodiversity Conference, held at United Nations University in Tokyo

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